

#15  
12/7/00  
PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 5253.200-US



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Blinkovsky *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/080,127

Group Art Unit: 1645

Filed: May 15, 1998

Examiner: Weatherspoon, J.

For: Polypeptides Having Aminopeptidase Activity And Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.808**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The above-captioned application refers to a deposit of biological material which has been made at the Agricultural Research Service Patent Culture Collection, Northern Regional Research Center, 1815 University Street, Peoria, Illinois, 61604 under the Budapest Treaty and assigned accession number **NRRL B-21677**.

All restrictions on the availability to the public of the deposited material will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the U.S. patent.

The deposit will be maintained for (a) thirty years, (b) at least five years after the most recent request for the furnishing of a sample of the deposit is received by the depository, or (c) the enforceable life of the U.S. patent granted from this application, whichever is longest. If the deposited material becomes inviable during the above term, the deposited material will be replaced.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 21, 2000

Robert L. Starnes, Reg. No.: 41,324  
Novozyme Biotech, Inc.  
1445 Drew Avenue  
Davis, CA 95616  
(530) 757-8100